

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action of August 23, 2002, a response to which is due November 25, 2002 (November 23, 2002 being a Saturday). This response is timely filed.

Claims 27 and 28 are all the claims pending in the application.

Claim 27 is amended to recite that the transparent conductive substrate has a total light transmittance of 80% or more. This recitation is supported by original claims 7 and 22. No new matter is added. Also, claim 27 is amended recite that the transparent polymer is formed by a solvent casting method. This recitation is supported by page 5, lines 11-13 of the application.

Claims 27 and 28 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as obvious over U.S. Patent 6,183,829 ("Daecher").

In response, Applicants submit this amendment emphasizing the difference between Daecher and the claimed invention. Daecher does not disclose a substrate which has a total light transmittance of 80% or more and which is formed by a solvent casting method (which results in excellent surface smoothness and optical isotropy, as disclosed at page 5, lines 11-13) according to amended claim 27. Daecher only discloses a plastic sheet produced by a process comprising the steps of providing molten plastic resin (column 2, lines 30-41). One of ordinary skill, upon reading Daecher would understand that the disclosed process necessarily uses molten resin (ex. column 10, lines 15, 36, and 37). Therefore, the present invention is not disclosed. For the reasons set forth above, it is respectfully requested that the rejection be reconsidered and withdrawn.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the

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Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE CLAIMS:

The claims are amended as follows:

27. (Amended) A transparent polymer substrate, formed by a solvent casting method,
having a water absorption coefficient of 0.7% or less for transparent conductive substrate and
having a total light transmittance of 80% or more, which comprises a polycarbonate resin having
a bisphenol component comprising 9,9-bis(4-hydroxy-3-methylphenyl)fluorene bisphenol.